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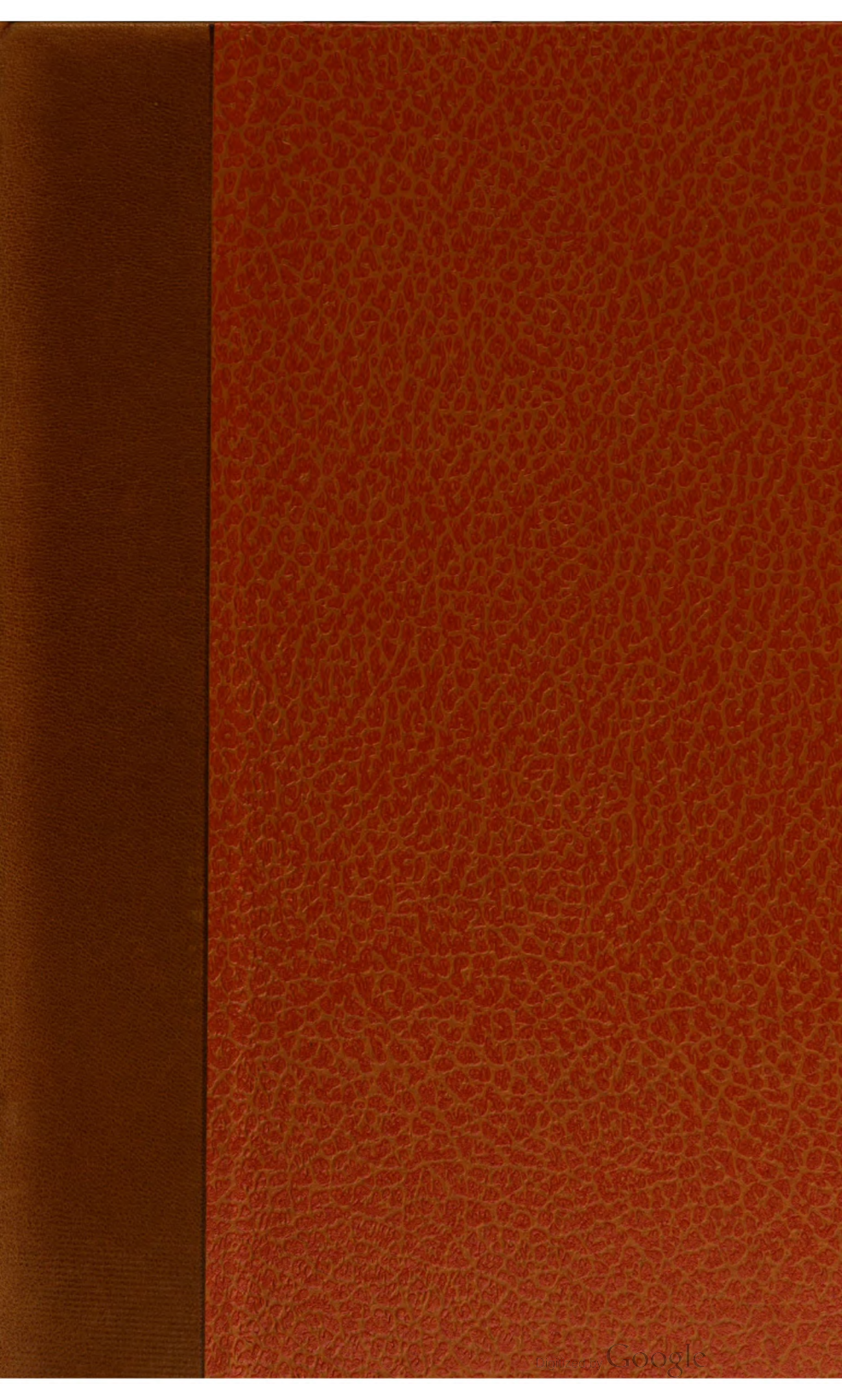
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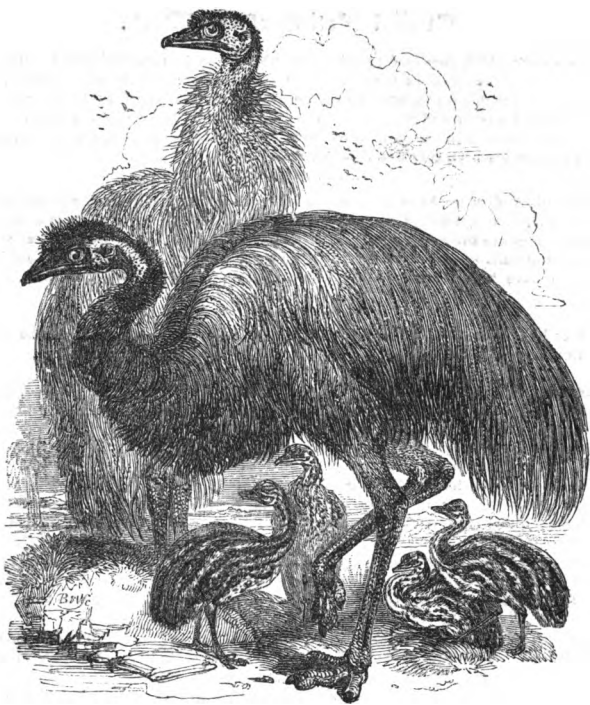
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* *Morning Herald*, April 5, 1830.

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PUNISHMENT OF DEATH.

No. 1.

April 1831.—The following memorable speech was delivered in the House of Commons, in 1777. The alterations since made in the law, have, upon the whole, done mischief rather than good, inasmuch as they have led the public to believe that our criminal code has been made conformable with the civilization of the present day, although nothing can be a greater delusion. The *Courier* of 17th March, 1831, states that the number of persons sentenced to death in England and Wales, during the last seven years, is 8,781. The number executed, 407.

SPEECH OF THE RIGHT HON. SIR W. MEREDITH, BART. &c.

Execution—affecting case of a young woman under nineteen, for a theft committed under circumstances of the most appalling distress.

I AGREE with my honourable friend (Mr. Combe) that no greater crime can be committed than the wilful setting fire to merchant ships, which may endanger not only lives and properties, but public safety. I should think this crime, above all others, fit to be punished with death, if I could suppose the infliction of death at all useful in the prevention of crimes.

But in subjects of this nature, we are to consider, not what the individual is, nor what he may have done; we are to consider only what is right for public example, and private safety.

Whether hanging ever did, or can, answer any good purpose, I doubt: but the cruel exhibition of every execution day, is a proof that hanging carries no terror with it. And I am confident that every new sanguinary law operates as an encouragement to commit capital offences; for it is not the mode, but the certainty of punishment, that creates terror. What men know they must endure, they fear; what they think they can escape, they despise. The multiplicity of our hanging laws has produced two things; frequency of condemnation, and frequent pardons. As hope is the first and greatest spring of action, if it were so, that out of twenty convicts, one only was to be pardoned, the thief would say, "Why may not I be that one?" But since, as our laws are actually administered, not one in twenty is executed, the thief acts on the chance of twenty to one in his favour, he acts on a fair and reasonable presumption of indemnity; and I verily believe, that the confident hope of indemnity is the cause of nineteen in twenty robberies that are committed.

But if we look to the executions themselves, what example do they give? The thief dies either hardened, or penitent. We are not to consider such

reflections as occur to reasonable and good men, but such impressions as are made on the thoughtless, the desperate, and the wicked. These men look on the hardened villain with envy and admiration. All that admiration and contempt of death with which heroes and martyrs inspire good men in a good cause, the abandoned villain feels in seeing a desperado like himself meet death with intrepidity.* The penitent thief, on the other hand, often makes the sober villain think in this way; himself oppressed with poverty and want, he sees a man die with that penitence which promises pardon for his sins here, and happiness hereafter; straight he thinks, that by robbery, forgery, or murder, he can relieve all his wants; and if he be brought to justice, the punishment will be short and trifling, and the reward eternal.

Even in crimes which are seldom or never pardoned, death is no prevention. Housebreakers, forgers, and coiners, are sure to be hanged: yet housebreaking, forgery, and coining, are the very crimes which are oftenest committed. Strange it is, that in the case of blood, of which we ought to be most tender, we should still go on, against reason and against experience, to make unavailing slaughter of our fellow-creatures. A recent event has proved that policy will do what

* May 21, 1831. In printing a second edition, we insert, in confirmation of this sentiment of Sir William Meredith, the following anecdote of a criminal named Campbell, executed only a few days ago, at Glasgow, for Housebreaking.

On receiving sentence of death on a previous trial, the criminal thus addressed the Court—"I have your good will, my Lord: death is sweeter than confinement: cowards die many times—I will die but once." (See *Glasgow Chronicle* of May 18, 1831.)

blood cannot do.—I mean the late regulation of the coinage. Thirty years together men were continually hanged for coining; still it went on: but on the new regulation of the gold coin, it ceased. This event proves these two things: the efficacy of police, and the inefficacy of hanging. But, is it not very extraordinary, that since the regulation of the gold coin, an act has passed, making it treason to coin silver? But has it stopped the coining of silver? On the contrary, do you not hear of it more than ever? It seems as if the law and the crime bore the same date. I do not know what the honourable member thinks who brought in the bill; but perhaps some feelings may come across his mind, when he sees how many lives he is taking away to no purpose. Had it been fairly stated, and specifically pointed out, what the mischief in coining silver in the utmost extent is, that hanging bill might not have been so readily adopted; under the name of treason it found an easy passage. I, indeed, have always understood treason to be nothing less than some act or conspiracy against the life or honour of the King, and the safety of the State; but what the King or State can suffer by my taking now and then a bad sixpence, or a bad shilling, I cannot imagine.

By this nickname of treason, however, there lies at this moment in Newgate, under sentence to be burnt alive, a girl just turned of fourteen; at her master's bidding, she hid some white-washed farthings behind her stays, on which the jury found her guilty, as an accomplice with her master in the treason. The master was hanged last Wednesday; and the faggots all lay ready—no reprieve came till just as the cart was setting out, and the girl would have been burnt alive* on the same day, had it not been for the humane but casual interference of Lord Weymouth. ———! Sir, are we taught to execrate the fires of Smithfield, and are we lighting them now to burn a poor harmless child for hiding a white-washed farthing! And yet this barbarous sentence, which ought to make men shudder at the thought of shedding blood for such trivial causes, is brought as a reason for more hanging and burning. It was recommended to me not many days ago, to bring in a bill to make it treason to coin copper,

as well as gold and silver. Yet, in the formation of these sanguinary laws, humanity, religion, and policy, are thrown out of the question. This one wise argument is always sufficient; if you hang for one fault, why not for another? If for stealing a sheep, why not for a cow or a horse? If for a shilling, why not for a handkerchief that is worth eighteen pence? and so on. We therefore ought to oppose the increase of these new laws; the more, because every fresh one begets twenty others.

When a member of parliament brings in a new hanging law, he begins with mentioning some injury that may be done to private property, for which a man is not yet liable to be hanged; and then proposes the gallows as the specific and infallible means of cure and prevention. But the bill, in progress of time, makes crimes capital, that scarce deserve whipping. For instance, the shoplifting act was to prevent bankers, and silversmiths' and other shops, where there are commonly goods of great value, from being robbed; but it goes so far as to make it death to lift any thing off a counter with intent to steal.

Under this act, one Mary Jones was executed, whose case I shall just mention; it was at the time when press-warrants were issued, on the alarm about Falkland Islands. *The woman's husband was pressed, their goods seized for some debt of his, and she, with two small children, turned into the streets a-begging.* † This a circumstance not to be forgotten, that she was very young (under nineteen) and most remarkably handsome. She went to a linen-draper's shop, took some coarse linen off the counter, and slipped it under her cloak; the shopman saw her, and she laid it down: for this she was hanged. Her defence was (I have the trial in my pocket) "*that she had lived in credit and wanted for nothing, till a press-gang came and stole her husband from her; but since then, she had no bed to lie on; nothing to give her children to eat; and they were almost naked; and perhaps she might have done something wrong, for she hardly knew what she did.*" *The parish officers testified the*

Execution of a young woman, for a theft committed under circumstances of the most appalling distress.

† The law, with regard to the offence of privately stealing in a shop, has since undergone several alterations, and Mr. Peel having repealed the former statutes by the 7th and 8th Geo. IV, and introduced no new enactment to supply their place, the offence of "Shoplifting" appears to be no longer known to the laws of England as a distinct species of larceny.

* At the present time (1832) this girl, instead of being burned—would be hanged,—that being the only alteration which the law in that respect has undergone.

truth of this story. But it seems there had been a good deal of shoplifting about Ludgate: an example was thought necessary; and this woman was hanged for the comfort and satisfaction of some shopkeepers in Ludgate-street. When brought to receive sentence, she behaved in such a frantic manner, as proved her mind to be in a distracted and desponding state; and the child was sucking at her breast when she set out for Tyburn [gallows.]

Let us reflect a little on this woman's fate. The poet says, "An honest man's the noblest work of God." He might have said, with equal truth, that a beautiful woman's the noblest work of God.

But for what cause was God's creation robbed of this its noblest work? It was for no injury, but for a mere attempt to clothe two naked children by unlawful means. Compare this with what the State did, and what the law did. The State bereaved the woman of her husband, and the children of a father, who was all their support; the law deprived the woman of her life, and the children of their remaining parent, exposing them to every danger, insult, and merciless treatment that destitute and helpless orphans suffer. *Take all the circumstances together, I do not believe that a fouler murder was ever committed against law; than the murder of this woman BY LAW.* Some who hear me are perhaps blaming the judges, the jury, the hangman; but neither judge, jury, nor hangman, is to blame; they are ministerial agents; the true hangman is the member of parliament; he who frames the bloody law, is answerable for the blood that is shed under it.

But there is a further consideration still. Dying as these unhappy wretches often do, who knows what their future lot may be!—Perhaps, my honorable friend who moves this bill, has not yet considered himself in the light of an executioner; no man has more humanity, no man a stronger sense of religion than himself; and I verily believe that at this moment, he wishes as little success to his hanging law as I do. His nature must recoil at making himself the cause, not only of shedding the blood, but perhaps destroying the soul of his fellow-creatures!

But the wretches who die are not the only sufferers; there are more and greater objects of compassion still: I mean the surviving relations and friends. Who knows how many innocent children we may be dooming to ignominy and wretchedness! Who knows how many widows' hearts we may break with grief!

—how many grey hairs of parents we may bring with sorrow to the grave!

The Mosaic law ordained, that for a sheep or an ox, four and five fold should be restored: and for robbing a house, double; that is, one fold for reparation, the rest for example; and the forfeiture was greater, as the property was more exposed. If the thief came by night, it was lawful to kill him; but if he came by day, he was only to make restitution; and if he had nothing, he was to be sold for his theft. *This is all that God required in felonies,* nor can I find in history any sample of such laws as ours, except a code that was framed at Athens by Draco. He made every offence capital, upon this modern way of reasoning; "That petty crimes deserved death, and he knew nothing worse for the greatest." His laws, it is said, were written, not with ink, but with blood; but they were of short duration, being all repealed by Solon, except one, for murder.

An attempt was made some years ago by my honourable friend, Sir Charles Bunbury, to repeal some of the most absurd and cruel of our capital laws. The bill passed this house, but was rejected by the lords, for this reason; "It was an innovation, they said, and subversion of law." *The very reverse is truth. These hanging laws are themselves innovations. No less than three and thirty of them passed during the last reign.** I believe I myself was the first person who checked the progress of them. When the great Alfred came to the throne, he found the kingdom over-run with robbers; but the silly expedient of hanging never came into his head: he instituted a police, which was, to make every township answerable for the felonies committed in it. Thus property became the guardian of property; and all robbery was so effectually stopped, that (the historians tell us) in a very short time a man might travel through the kingdom unarmed, with his purse in his hand.

Treason, murder, rape, and burning a dwelling-house, were all the crimes that were liable to be punished with death by our good old common law.† And such was the tenderness, such the reluctance to shed blood, that if recompence could possibly be made, life was not to be touched. Treason being

* No less than 187 different offences were made punishable with DEATH by statutes framed between the years 1660 and 1819.

† Burning a barn filled with corn, was also capital by the common law.

against the King, the remission of the crime was in the crown. In case of murder itself, if compensation could be made, the next of kin might discharge the prosecution, which, if once discharged, could not be revived. If a ravisher could make the injured woman satisfaction, the law had no power over him; she might marry the man under the gallows, if she pleased, and take him from the jaws of death to the lips of matrimony. But so fatally are we deviated from the benignity of our ancient laws, that there is now under sentence of death an unfortunate clergyman, who made satisfaction for the injury he attempted: the satisfaction was accepted; and yet the acceptance of the satisfaction, and the prosecution, bear the same date.

There does not occur to my thoughts a proposition more abhorrent from nature, and from reason, than that in a matter of *property*, when restitution is made, blood should still be required. But, in regard to our whole system of criminal law, and much more to our habits of thinking and reasoning upon it, there is a sentence of the great Roman orator, which I wish those who hear me to remark. Exhorting the senate to put a stop to executions, he says, "Nolite, Quirites, hanc sævitiam diutius pati; quæ non modò tot cives atrocissimè sustulit, sed humanitatem ipsam ademit consuetudine incommo-
dorum."*

Having said so much on the general principles of our criminal laws, I have only a short word or two to add, on the two propositions now before us; one, as moved by the honourable gentleman (Mr. Combe)—to hang persons that

wilfully set fire to ships; the other moved as an amendment by my honourable friend (Sir Charles Bunbury),—to compel such offenders to work seven years on the Thames.

The question arises from the alarming events of the late fires at Portsmouth and Bristol; for which the incendiary is put to death. But, will an act of parliament prevent such men as John the Painter from coming into the world, or control them when they are in it? You might as well bring in a bill to prevent the appearance, or regulate the motions, of a comet. John the Painter was so far from fearing death, that he courted it; was so far from concealing his act, that he told full as much as was true, to his own conviction. When once a villain turns enthusiast, he is above all law. Punishment is his reward, and death his glory. But, though this law will be useless against villains, it is dangerous, and may be fatal to many innocent persons. There is not an honest industrious carpenter or sailor, who may not be endangered in the course of his daily labour; they are constantly using fire and combustible matter, about shipping, and tarring, pitching, and caulking: accidents are continually happening; and who knows how many of these accidents may be attributed to design? The act, indeed, says, the firing must be done wilfully and maliciously; but judges and juries do not always distinguish right between the fact and the intention. It is the province of a jury only to try the fact by the intention; but they are too apt to judge of the intention by the fact. Justices of the peace, however, are not famed for accurate and nice distinctions; and all the horrors of an ignominious death would be too much to threaten every honest shipwright with, for what may happen in the necessary work of his calling.

But, as I think punishment necessary for so heinous an offence, and, as the end of all punishment is example; of the two modes of punishment, *I shall prefer that which is most profitable in point of example.* Allowing, then, the punishment of death its utmost force, it is only **SHORT and MOMENTARY**; that of labour **PERMANENT**; and so much more example is gained in him who is reserved for labour, than in him who is put to death, as there are hours in the life of the one, beyond the short moment of the other's death.

* Sir William Meredith, quoting Cicero's speech from memory, gave the substance of this fine passage, but the language of his illustrious author preserves still greater force and beauty. "Hanc tollite ex civitate, Judices!—hanc pati nolite diutius in hac republica versari: quæ non modò id habet in se mali, quòd tot cives atrocissimè sustulit, verum etiam hominibus lenissimè ademit misericordiam consuetudine incommodorum." "Away with this [familiarized butchery] from the State!—Allow it not, O Judges! to prevail any longer in the Commonwealth! It has not only the disastrous effect of cutting off so many of your fellow-citizens in a most atrocious manner, but it hath even rooted out from men of the mildest disposition the sentiment of MERCY—by the familiar practice of SLAUGHTER!"

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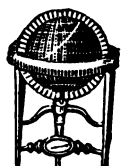
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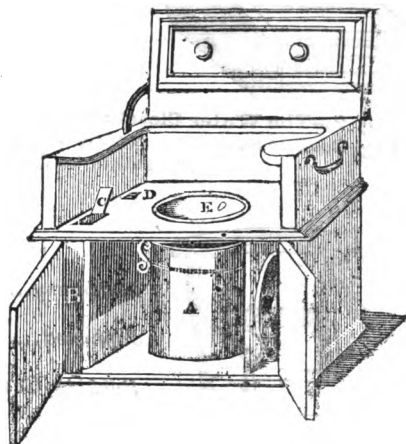
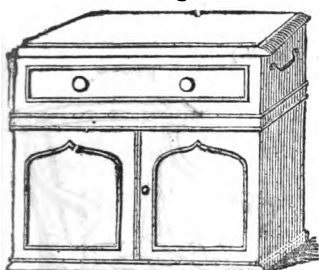
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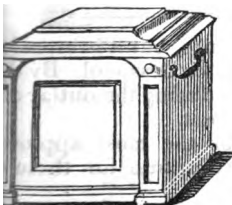
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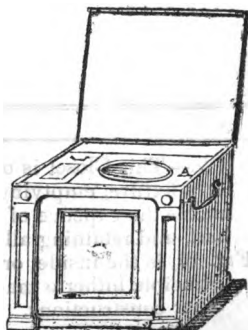
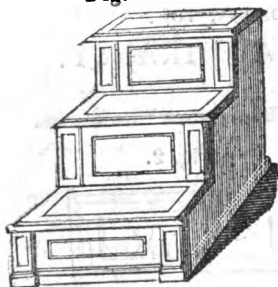


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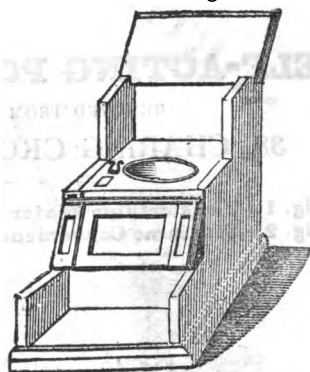
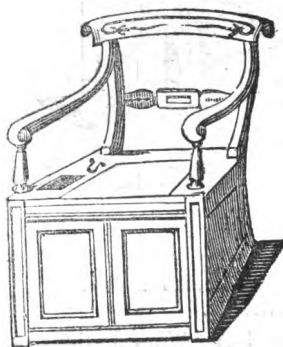


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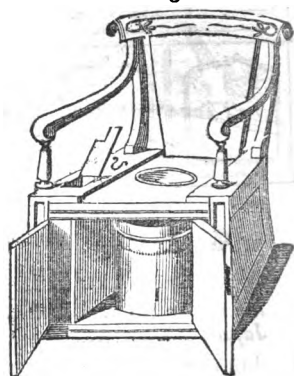


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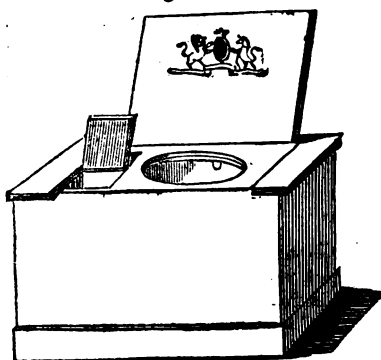
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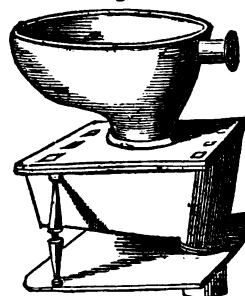


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II. The Work contains a general article on COMMERCE, explanatory of its nature, principles, and objects, in which there is an inquiry into the policy of restrictions intended to promote industry at home, or to advance the public interests, by excluding or restraining foreign competition. Exclusive, however, of this general article, we have separately examined the operation of the existing restrictions on the trade in particular articles, and with particular countries, in the accounts of those articles, and of the great sea-port towns belonging to the countries referred to. There must, of course, be more or less of sameness in the discussion of such points, the principle which runs through them being identical. But in a Dictionary this is of no consequence. The reader seldom consults more than one or two articles at a time; and it is of infinitely more importance to bring the whole subject at once before him, than to seek to avoid the appearance of repetition by referring from one article to another. In this Work such references are made as seldom as possible.

III. The articles which more particularly refer to commercial navigation are AVERAGE, BILLS OF LADING, CHARTERPARTY, FREIGHT, MASTER, NAVIGATION LAWS, OWNERS, REGISTRY, SALVAGE, SEAMEN, SHIPS, WRECK, &c. These articles embrace a pretty full exposition of the law as to shipping: we have particularly endeavoured to exhibit the privileges enjoyed by British ships; the conditions and formalities, the observance of which is necessary to the acquisition and preservation of such privileges, and to the transference of property in ships; the responsibilities incurred by the masters and owners in their capacity of public carriers; and the reciprocal duties and obligations of owners, masters, and seamen. In this department we have made considerable use of the work of Lord Tenterden on the Law of Shipping,—a work that reflects very great credit on the learning and talents of its noble author. The registry act and the navigation act are given entire. To this head may also be referred the articles on the COD, HERRING, and WHALE Fisheries.

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V. A considerable class of articles may be regarded as descriptive of the various means and devices that have been fallen upon for extending and facilitating commerce and navigation. Of these, taking them in their order, the articles BANKS, CANALS, CARRIERS, COINS, COLONIES, COMPANIES, CONSULS, CONVOY, DOCKS, FACTORS, LIGHT-HOUSES, MONEY, PARTNERSHIP, PILOTAGE, POST-OFFICE, RAIL-ROADS, ROADS, TREATIES (COMMERCIAL), WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, &c. are among the most important. In the article BANKS the reader will find, besides an exposition of the principles of banking, a pretty

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exported from and imported into them ; of their monies, weights, and measures ; and of such of their institutions, customs, and regulations, with respect to commerce and navigation, as seemed to deserve notice. We have occasionally subjoined to these notices of the great seaports, pretty full accounts of the trade of the countries in which they are situated ; as in the instances of AMSTERDAM, BORDEAUX, CANTON, HAVANNAH, HAVRE, NEW YORK, PETERSBURGH, RIO DE JANEIRO, VERA CRUZ, &c. To have attempted to do this systematically would have increased the size of the Work beyond all reasonable limits, and would have embarrassed it with details nowise interesting to the English reader. The plan we have adopted has enabled us to treat of such matters as might be supposed of importance in England, and to reject the rest. We believe, however, that notwithstanding this selection, those who compare this work with others, will find that it contains a larger mass of authentic information respecting the trade and navigation of foreign countries, than is to be found in any English publication.

The reader may be inclined, perhaps, to think that it must be impossible to embrace the discussion of so many subjects in a single octavo volume, without treating a large proportion in a very brief and unsatisfactory manner. But, in point of fact, this single octavo contains about as much letter-press as is contained in two ordinary folio volumes, and more than is contained in Macpherson's *Annals of Commerce*, in four volumes quarto, published at 8l. 8s. ! This extraordinary condensation has been effected without any sacrifice either of beauty or distinctness. Could we suppose that the substance of the book is at all equal to its form, there would be little room for doubt as to its success.

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Besides the maps already noticed, the work contains a map of the world, on Mercator's projection, and a map of Central and Southern Europe and the Mediterranean. These maps are on a larger scale than those usually given with works of this sort ; and have been carefully corrected, and compared with the best authorities.

Such is a rough outline of what the reader may expect to meet with in this Dictionary. We do not, however, flatter ourselves with the notion that he will consider that all that has been attempted has been properly executed. In a work embracing such an extreme range and diversity of subjects, as to many of which it is exceedingly difficult, if not quite impossible, to obtain accurate information, no one will be offended should he detect a few errors. At the same time we can honestly say that neither labour nor expense has been spared to render the Work worthy of the public confidence and patronage. The author has been almost incessantly engaged upon it for upwards of three years ; and the previous part of his life may be said to have been spent in preparing himself for the undertaking. He has derived valuable assistance from some distinguished official gentlemen, and from many eminent merchants ; and has endeavoured, wherever it was practicable, to build his conclusions upon official documents. But in very many instances he has been obliged to adopt less authentic data ; and he does not suppose that he has always had recourse to the best authorities, or that, amidst contradictory statements, he has uniformly selected that most worthy of being relied upon, or that the inferences he has drawn are always such as the real circumstances of the case would warrant. But he has done his best not to be wanting in these respects. We have had no motive to induce us, in any instance, to conceal or pervert the truth. What we have considered wrong, we have censured freely and openly ; but we have not done this without assigning the grounds of our opinion ; so that the reader may always judge for himself as to its correctness. Our sole object has been to produce a work that should be generally useful, particularly to merchants and traders, and which should be creditable to ourselves. Whether we have succeeded, the award of the public will show ; and to it we submit our labours, not with "frigid indifference," but with an anxious hope that it may be found that we have not misemployed our time, and engaged in an undertaking too vast for our limited means.

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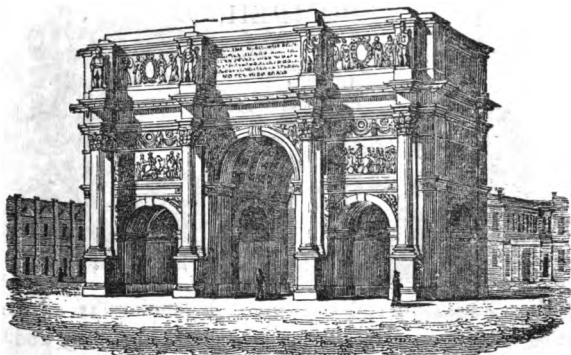
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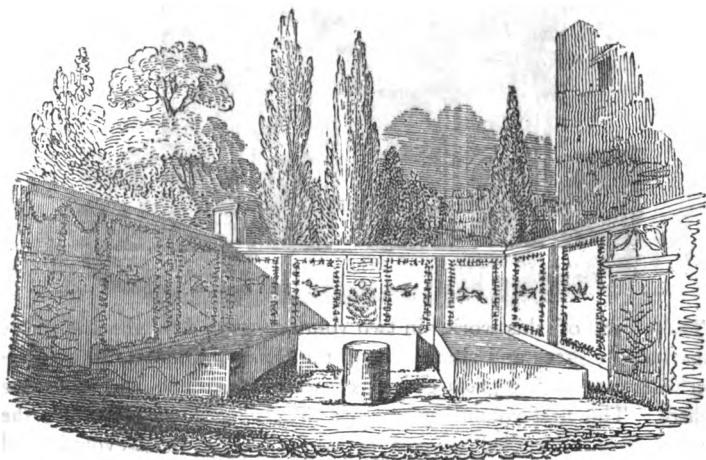
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CHRONOMETERS.

THE rapid strides with which science has advanced during the last few years may be readily accounted for by the attention that has been bestowed on it by the leading men of all nations, and by the almost universal establishment of Societies having for their professed object the improvement of its different branches. These praiseworthy efforts of individuals have, since the establishment of peace in Europe, been laudably encouraged by the several Governments, and by none more liberally than our own. It is, however, remarkable, that in this country the Chronometer, so important to navigation, and for the improvement of which large rewards had been offered by our Government, should have been the only instrument that did not keep pace with the great and rapid improvement of every other description of machinery that had engrossed the attention of the man of science and the mechanic, and by the aid of which England has been raised to such eminence among nations. Happily, however, this stigma is in a great measure removed; and England may now justly boast of having as far outstripped all her competitors in this as she has done in several other instances of the application of science to purposes of national utility.

It is unnecessary here to dilate on the importance of the Chronometer in determining the longitude at sea, or to advert to the great benefit the mariner derives from its use. By its assistance he frequently preserves the lives and property committed to his care, while the average duration of voyages, as compared with those previously to its introduction, is reduced in a ratio perfectly astonishing.

The very general adoption of the Chronometer, particularly in long voyages, is the best proof of its value; and it is more than

probable, that, in a very few years, no vessel will sail without one, either to distant parts of the world, or when navigating smaller seas—this invaluable instrument being equally useful to the scientific navigator in the one case as in the other.

The interest taken by the different Maritime Governments of Europe for the discovery of a marine watch capable of more accurately determining the longitude at sea was exemplified so long ago as 1598, when Philip the Third of Spain offered a reward of one thousand crowns for that purpose. The States of Holland soon afterwards munificently promised one hundred thousand florins: in the reign of Queen Anne, England, being equally desirous of promoting so important a discovery, offered twenty thousand pounds: and in 1716 the Duke of Orleans, then Regent of France, also offered one hundred thousand livres to the artist who should attain that object.

These princely inducements naturally stimulated men of science and ingenuity to the arduous undertaking, which, to the honour of England, was attained by our highly-talented countryman, John Harrison, to whom the first premium was awarded. This scientific mechanic, after forty years of intense application and study, at length succeeded in completing a marine watch, which, upon trial in a voyage to Barbadoes, determined the longitude within the limits prescribed, and he received from the British Parliament, in 1764, the sum of twenty thousand pounds.

Foreign artists also exerted their powerful abilities to attain this desirable object; among the principal of whom were Berthoud and Le Roy. The latter invented the detached escapement, which very much improved and simplified the Chronometer; and also the compensation balance (now with scarcely any improvement universally adopted). That artist, however, on its first introduction, fearful of applying his own invention—not feeling sufficient confidence in its stability—used other means in his marine watch for the purpose of counteracting the changes of temperature. He also, in a very ingenious, scientific, and valuable Treatise on Marine Watches, suggested the Isochronous property contained in the balance spring, so indispensable in producing the accurate measurement of time. These inventions having been introduced into this country, were taken up by several ingenious artists, and improved on by Messrs. Mudge and Arnold, and subsequently by Earnshaw; to the former of whom a premium was awarded by Parliament of three thousand pounds in 1793; and the same sum

to both Mr. Arnold and Mr. Earnshaw, by the Board of Longitude in 1800.

Although prior to this period, and afterwards, some excellent Chronometers were occasionally produced, which proved the possibility of their being brought generally to greater perfection; yet it was evident, by their forming so very small a proportion of those in general use, that their good performance arose rather from accidental circumstances than from any known principle in their construction.

During the lengthened warfare which involved the whole of Europe, England had little time to attend to the advancement of science: but on its termination, ever anxious to be pre-eminent on that element by which her glory had been extended to all portions of the habitable globe, the Government of this country planned several expeditions for the advancement of geographical discovery and for the improvement of nautical science; and the Lords of the Admiralty, in 1822, offered two premiums—one of 300*l.* and one of 200*l.*—to be awarded annually to the makers of the two Chronometers which should be adjudged to be the best, after having been submitted to a twelvemonth's trial at the Royal Observatory at Greenwich.

It is only from this period that it may truly be asserted that Chronometers have been improved in their construction, so as collectively to approximate to perfection, and that greater improvements have been made in them than in the forty years preceding. As a proof of this fact, Government *now* refuses to purchase Chronometers sent for trial, whose performances have far exceeded those to which at the commencement of the trials (1822) they awarded the above prizes.

Among the first of the voyages undertaken by the English Government subsequently to the late war, for the purpose of geographical discovery, was the Northern Expedition (in 1818), to endeavour to settle the long-contested problem of a North-West Passage into the Pacific Ocean. The expedition consisted of two ships—the *Isabella*, commanded by Captain Ross, and the *Alexander*, by Lieutenant Parry. Captain Sabine, of the Royal Artillery, F.R.S., was appointed Astronomer to this expedition. They were furnished with several Chronometers and every necessary instrument for prosecuting scientific discovery. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, who had devoted a considerable portion of their time and great attention to the improvement of

Chronometers, and had spared *neither expense nor exertions* in their endeavours to attain perfection, considered this an eligible opportunity of having one upon their principle practically tried. They therefore made application to the Lords of the Admiralty for permission to send it with the expedition at their own risk, which request was acceded to. On the return of Captain Ross, this Chronometer was reported to have surpassed all the others which he took with him in the regularity of its going and the equability of its rate—as will be seen from the extracts of two letters addressed to PARKINSON and FRODSHAM by Captain Ross and Captain Sabine.—(*See Appendix, No. I.*)

This high testimony of its performance induced the Lords of the Admiralty to order it to be purchased for the use of a second expedition, then fitting out under Lieutenant Parry, for the purpose of attempting further discoveries.

In consequence of this liberal encouragement, and having completed three other Chronometers on the same principle, they again applied to the Board of Admiralty, and immediately obtained the required permission to send them with this expedition, which, consisting of the *Hecla*, Lieutenant Parry, and the *Griper*, Lieutenant Liddon, sailed in 1819. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM placed No. 259 under the charge of Lieutenant Parry, and the other two (Nos. 253 and 254) under that of Captain Sabine, who again accompanied this expedition as Astronomer and for the purposes of general science. The whole of them were delivered to Captain Sabine, accompanied by a letter from PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, stating that they were “Experimental Chronometers,” in which they had attempted a principle of correcting their final adjustment different from that in general use, for the purpose of endeavoring to prevent that disposition to acceleration and retardation in their rates to which Chronometers had hitherto generally been subject. The result of the performance of these Chronometers in this severe and unprecedented trial was an evident proof of considerable improvement—the whole of them having preserved their rates in a most uniform manner during an Arctic winter exposed to 40° below zero; and whilst every other Chronometer on board (of which there were fourteen) **ACTUALLY STOPPED**, No. 228, (the one already mentioned as having been purchased by the Admiralty,) Nos. 259, 253, and 254, kept the same rates throughout the time occupied by the expedition, as appeared upon comparison made at London on its

départure and return, and also by observations at Leith.—(*See Appendix, No. II.*)

On the return of the *Hecla* and *Griper* the Lords of the Admiralty purchased the two Chronometers Nos. 253 and 254, and the Officers of the expedition purchased No. 259 for Captain Parry, which they presented to him as a testimony of the esteem and respect they entertained for their commander. The Honorable Board also, on receiving the reports of the extraordinary and unprecedented performance of the four Chronometers, 228, 253, 254, and 259, ordered their rates to be printed, and circulated them amongst the scientific circles.

All these Chronometers accompanied the second expedition of Captain Parry in the *Fury*, and Captain Lyon in the *Hecla*, in 1821, to Winter Island and Igoolik. They returned in 1823, and the report of the rates of their performances was equally satisfactory.

In 1822 Captain Sabine sailed from Portsmouth for Africa in the *Iphigenia*, Captain Clavering, for the purpose of making experiments to determine the figure of the earth by means of the pendulum vibrating seconds in different latitudes. He was furnished with the best instruments of every description belonging to the Royal Society and the Board of Longitude, in addition to those of his own private property; and PARKINSON and FRODSHAM also sent four Chronometers with him on trial. He arrived at Sierra Leone on the 22d of February, and returned to London on the 5th of the same month in the following year. The correctness of these Chronometers was so highly appreciated that Captain Clavering purchased one of them for his own use.

In 1823 Captain Sabine proposed to extend his experiments in the high latitudes, for the purpose of concluding his pendulum experiments. This proposal having been approved by the Lords of the Admiralty and the Board of Longitude, he sailed on the 11th May on board the *Griper*, Captain Clavering, to Spitzbergen, &c. &c. and returned to London in December. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's three Chronometers accompanied this expedition, together with a Chronometer No. 1, made by W. E. FRODSHAM, one of the junior branches of their house, which performed equally well with the others.—(*See Appendix, No. III.*)

From the report made by Captain Sabine on his return home, Government purchased two of the abovementioned Chronometers, Nos. 423 and 649, which were sent out with Captain Parry in his

third voyage (together with some of the others previously mentioned), and they maintained the same high character in the Polar Seas that they had obtained from Captain Sabine in his pendulum experiments.

In 1824 Captain Parry in the *Hecla*, and Captain Hopner in the *Fury*, again proceeded for the purpose of discovering a North-West Passage. In this voyage, PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's Chronometers were selected to accompany the enterprise, together with one that had that year received the first prize of three hundred pounds. They also sent one out on comparative trial, HENRY FRODSHAM, No. 1, another of the junior branches of their house. Mr. Foster accompanied the expedition as astronomer, and had charge of all the Chronometers. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's Chronometers preserved their rates in the same satisfactory manner as in the preceding voyages; and the one by FRODSHAM junior performed equally well with those which had previously undergone so great an alternation of climate: and, from its regular and uniform going, was adopted (in 1825) as the Standard Chronometer. From the high report of its excellent performance, Lord Melville, the then First Lord of the Admiralty, purchased it for a present to his son, the Hon. Captain Dundas.—(*See Appendix, No. IV.*)

Several other makers also sent Chronometers on trial on this as in former voyages, but they were generally found upon trial not to have been sufficiently prepared for so severe a test as those made by PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

In the same year, 1824, Captain Lyon proceeded in the *Griper* to Repulse Bay, to endeavour through this course to discover a North-West Passage, but returned unsuccessful, having met with most disastrous weather. Lieutenant Kendall accompanied him as assistant surveyor, and had charge of the Chronometers.

PARKINSON and FRODSHAM sent Chronometer No. 1, which had performed so well with Captain Sabine in 1822, and one of their own.—(*For their performances see Appendix, No. V.*)

In Captain Parry's last voyage in the *Hecla*, to attempt to reach the North Pole in boats over the ice, which sailed the 26th May 1827, "Government (we quote Captain Parry's own words) furnished six chronometers, the whole being pocket watches. Of these PARKINSON and FRODSHAM were directed to prepare two, the dial plates of which were to have the hours from one to twenty-four marked on them—a precaution intended to provide

“against the possibility of incurring an error of twelve hours when travelling over the ice towards the Pole. The rest were directed to be supplied from the Royal Observatory at Greenwich; but it so happened that a short time before the embarkation, these latter Chronometers, intended for the use of the expedition, were going irregularly—a circumstance which at this advanced stage of the equipment would have been attended with very serious inconvenience, had it not been for the liberal offer of PARKINSON and FRODSHAM to supply the number required *at their own risk*. However, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, on becoming acquainted with the circumstances of the case, immediately directed the Chronometers in question to be purchased of PARKINSON and FRODSHAM; and these, with five others (three of which belonged to the same makers, the other two to Captain Parry and Lieutenant Foster, the astronomer), were embarked on board the *Hecla*.”—They passed the summer at Spitzbergen; and Captain Parry, in speaking of PARKINSON and FRODSHAM’s Chronometers, says, “it is highly creditable to the makers of these excellent Chronometers, that each was found to preserve its rate extremely well; and under the severe trials to which these watches were subjected, the boats made Little Table Island, after an absence of fifty days, to a surprising degree of exactness.”

A scientific expedition under the command of Captain King, in the *Adventure*, and Captain Stokes in the *Beagle*, sailed in 1826, for the purpose of surveying Terra del Fuego, Magellan Straits, Cape Horn, &c. &c., Lieutenant Graves having in this voyage generally taken charge of the Chronometers. One sent out by PARKINSON and FRODSHAM (No. 1048), on comparative trial, was officially reported by Captain King (with the Government Chronometers) to the Admiralty; and in a letter to PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, Captain King says, “It performed by *far the best* of all he had on board,” of which there were thirteen. From Captain King’s report to the Admiralty, this Chronometer was liberally purchased by Government.—(*See Appendix, No. VI.*)

In 1828, Capt. Foster, in the *Chanticleer*, proceeded on a voyage for making pendulum experiments and extensive surveys. He had seventeen Chronometers on board (two lent by PARKINSON and FRODSHAM on comparative trial, and two belonging to the

Government by other makers that had obtained the prizes of three hundred pounds). One of PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's, No. 1204, was, after sufficient trial, adopted as the standard, and continued so till the end of the voyage in 1831. Lieutenant Kendall had the charge of the Chronometers for a portion of the voyage, until his appointment to the Hecla surveying vessel. The expedition sailed from Falmouth, and embraced in its route Madeira, Teneriffe, St. Antonio, Fernando de Noronha, Rio Janeiro, St. Catherine's, Monte Video, Staten Island, Cape Horn, South Shetland, Cape Horn again, Cape of Good Hope, St. Helena, Ascension, Trinidad, Para, Maranham, Porto Bello, and St. Michael's, and returned to Falmouth. Captain Foster, having been unfortunately drowned on his return home (January 1831), Lieutenant (now Commander) Austin took the command, and for his report we refer to *Appendix, No. VII.*

In 1830 Lieutenant Kendall proceeded (by order of the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department) to America, to make a series of astronomical observations, with the view of fixing the relative positions of several principal points in the Province of New Brunswick. He was furnished, at the request of Government, with five of PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's Chronometers (which they readily lent for the purpose): and for a testimony of their excellent performance on their conveyance by hand, in coaches, on horseback, and on shipboard, we refer to *Appendix, No. VIII.*

A comparative trial of PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's Chronometers with others was directed to be made at the Observatory of Leyden: they were tried by one of the Learned Professors of that University—the result of which again confirmed the superiority of PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's Chronometers, and they in consequence obtained from the Government of the Netherlands the most liberal encouragement.

The Russian circumnavigators, Captain Kotzebue, Captain Lutkie, and Baron Wrangel, were furnished by the Russian Government with PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's Chronometers, and expressed their high satisfaction at the accuracy of their performances.—(*See Appendix, No. IX.*)

The principle of correcting Chronometers, as adopted by PARKINSON and FRODSHAM in the first voyage of Captain Parry, in 1818, was applied to all those subsequently sent on the other voyages of discovery, and has been continued to the present time,

together with those alterations and improvements which observation and experience have naturally suggested; and they have the satisfaction of knowing that their exertions in the cause of science have been duly appreciated.

In addition to the above high testimonials, they have received numerous letters from distinguished Officers in His Majesty's Service (many of them employed in voyages of considerable duration), from Captains in the merchant service, from Commanders of vessels engaged in American commerce, and other intelligent Navigators in various parts of the world—all tending to confirm their excellence, and evincing the strongest proof of the value of the discovery, and the certainty and universality of its application. —(*See Appendix, No. X.*)

But, however flattering all these testimonials of pre-eminent accuracy in the performance of their Chronometers through every variation of climate—far exceeding the reasonable expectations of any artist, however eminent—together with the excellent rates of going of others (made by the junior branches of their house) at the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, particularly on the late and preceding trials, the rates of which are here annexed, and to some of which Prizes were adjudged:—yet PARKINSON and FRODSHAM hope that still greater perfection may be attained in this important branch of mechanical science, so as to make Chronometers generally maintain their rates more equably: and they confidently trust, by devoting all their abilities in furtherance of this great object, they may eventually be enabled to produce Chronometers with such a positive certainty of equal perfection, as must render them invaluable for the purposes of navigation.

PARKINSON AND FRODSHAM,

in the following page, have the satisfaction to submit the RATES of FOUR CHRONOMETERS, made by three of the Junior Branches of their Establishment, tried at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, in 1828-29-30-31.

AVERAGE DAILY RATE, for each Month, of **CHRONOMETER No. 878**, by **HENRY FRODSHAM**, 'Change Alley, Cornhill, for Twelve Months, at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, sent on Public Trial; with the Maximum and Minimum of the Thermometer.

	Date.	Daily Rate.	Thermometer.	
			Maximum.	Minimum.
1828.	August.....	+ 0 ^u 28	72°	61°
	September.....	- 0 ^u 02	73°	62°
	October.....	+ 0 ^u 37	63°	50°
	November.....	+ 0 ^u 17	53°	38°
	December.....	- 0 ^u 25	54°	43°
1829.	January.....	- 0 ^u 29	48°	29°
	February.....	- 0 ^u 18	50°	39°
	March.....	+ 0 ^u 40	55°	40°
	April.....	+ 0 ^u 81	55°	46°
	May.....	+ 0 ^u 32	68°	50°
	June.....	+ 0 ^u 41	73°	61°
	July.....	+ 0 ^u 40	71°	63°

AVERAGE DAILY RATE, for each Month, of **CHRONOMETER No. 2**, by **W. E. FRODSHAM**, 'Change Alley, Cornhill, for Twelve Months, at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, sent on Public Trial; with the Maximum and Minimum of the Thermometer.

	Date.	Daily Rate.	Thermometer.		Rate in July - 0 ^u 51 Ditto in September + 0 ^u 11 0 ^u 62
			Maximum.	Minimum.	
1829.	October.....	- 0 ^u 19	60°	48°	being the extreme error on the Rate in 12 months. This was only equalled by two out of nearly 500 sent on the trial, and they only by a few hundredth parts of a second. Government were pleased to purchase this Instrument.
	November.....	- 0 ^u 17	55°	37°	
	December.....	- 0 ^u 27	49°	29°	
1830.	January.....	- 0 ^u 15	45°	28°	
	February.....	- 0 ^u 50	55°	29°	
	March.....	- 0 ^u 20	63°	46°	
	April.....	- 0 ^u 17	71°	45°	
	May.....	- 0 ^u 50	74°	54°	
	June.....	- 0 ^u 14	70°	58°	
	July.....	- 0 ^u 51	80°	60°	
	August.....	- 0 ^u 50	75°	61°	
	September.....	+ 0 ^u 11			

AVERAGE DAILY RATE, for each Month, of **CHRONOMETERS Nos. 1 and 2**, by **CHARLES FRODSHAM**, 'Change Alley, Cornhill, for Twelve Months, at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, on the last Public Trial.

No. 1.	Date.	Daily Rate.	No. 2.	Daily Rate.	Thermometer.	
					Maximum.	Minimum.
1830.	October.....	+ 2 ^u 73	Same date as to No. 1.	+ 6 ^u 75	69°	52°
	November.....	+ 3 ^u 45		+ 6 ^u 98	59°	45°
	December.....	+ 3 ^u 29		+ 6 ^u 97	50°	27°
1831.	January.....	+ 3 ^u 44		+ 6 ^u 59	50°	35°
	February.....	+ 3 ^u 43		+ 6 ^u 85	59°	34°
	March.....	+ 3 ^u 60		+ 7 ^u 24	58°	44°
	April.....	+ 3 ^u 72		+ 7 ^u 45	62°	37°
	May.....	+ 3 ^u 67		+ 7 ^u 24	71°	52°
	June.....	+ 3 ^u 54		+ 7 ^u 22	72°	61°
	July.....	+ 3 ^u 15		+ 7 ^u 29	78°	65°
	August.....	+ 3 ^u 25		+ 7 ^u 09	77°	68°
	September.....	+ 3 ^u 66		+ 7 ^u 28	72°	60°
	October.....	+ 3 ^u 47		+ 7 ^u 05		

No. 2 was the second, and No. 1 the fifth, in the trial list. With respect, however, to No. 1, some correction was made a few days previously to its being sent on trial; so that its rate was not settled the first month, and which, in fairness to the merits of the Chronometer, should be omitted: and then, taking the twelve subsequent months, the extreme variation will be found to be only 0^u 57. This, out of nearly 500 Chronometers sent on the public trials, was equalled only by one, whose extreme variation was 0^u 54. These two Instruments were also purchased by the Government.

APPENDIX.

No. I.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Ross to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

" HEREWITH you receive an account of the going of your Chronometer No. 228, which was sent with the expedition under my command to Baffin's Bay. By a comparison with the other Chronometers and observations which ascertained their rates during the voyage, as well as by the comparison on our return, it appears that your Chronometer abovementioned has performed better than any other we had on board, and exactly as you had in your directions expected it to do : and I have great pleasure in affording you this testimony of my approbation, and in recommending your Chronometers as of a superior construction, and as instruments which may be safely depended on by navigators.

(Signed) " JOHN Ross, Capt. R.N.

" London, July 1819."

Extract of a Letter from Captain E. SABINE, Astronomer to Captain Ross's Expedition.

" CAPTAIN SABINE has great pleasure in assuring Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM that their Chronometer No. 228 has gone remarkably well during the North West Expedition. As soon as he is at liberty to give extracts from his papers, he will furnish Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM with a statement of its comparative going, with five other Chronometers embarked in the Isabella, as also such remarks as he feels it his duty to make on it.

" Nov. 25, 1818."

On the 13th of July 1819, Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM received the following Note :—

" CAPTAIN SABINE begs to inform Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM that in consequence of the favorable report which he has made of their

Chronometer No. 228 ; and as an encouragement to the liberality with which Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM entrusted it on the late Voyage of Discovery, Mr. Croker (Secretary to the Lords of the Admiralty) has expressed the readiness of Government to purchase No. 228."

No. II.

Extract of a Letter from Captain PARRY, R.N. to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

"CAPTAIN PARRY has the satisfaction to inform Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM that their watches have performed admirably throughout the voyage, and that the account, which will shortly be published, cannot fail to reflect the highest credit on the makers of such invaluable Chronometers. Captain Parry begs, however, that Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM will not, in any public way, make use of his name on this subject, as it is his full intention to make known, in the proper manner, the advantage he has derived from the use of them.

"Nov. 9, 1820."

Extract of a Letter from Captain SABINE, R.A., F.R.S., to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

"CAPTAIN SABINE has great pleasure to acquaint Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM that all their Chronometers are safe, and have behaved most admirably indeed—the details of which Captain Sabine will shew Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM so soon as the Hecla shall arrive at Deptford from Leith, where she is at present.

"Portland Place, Nov. 6, 1820."

Captain PARRY's Journal of this Expedition was subsequently published by authority of the Lords of the Admiralty, in which are the following remarks on Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's Chronometers :—

"The number of Chronometers embarked in the expedition amounted, altogether, to fourteen. No. 323 of Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, had been sent on trial in the Voyage of Discovery to Baffin's Bay, in 1818, at the risk of its makers, whose property it then was. A favorable report having been made, on return, of its going, the Admiralty were pleased to order its purchase for the public service. In consequence of such encouragement, Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM determined to send three Chronometers on trial on the present occasion ; accordingly their Nos. 253 and

254 were delivered to Captain Sabine in the beginning of April 1819, and No. 259 a few days before the expedition sailed.

“ In table No. 3 is shewn the daily rate of the remaining of the Hecla's complement on mean Greenwich time, as shewn each day at noon by 259, with its correction applied to its rate and original difference.

“ No. 259 has been selected for this purpose, because it is believed to have preserved the most steady and uniform rate throughout the season. This fact may be examined by a reference to the table closing the abstract of latitudes and longitudes determined in 1819, in which the daily longitude by each Chronometer is shewn separately, as well as by their mean. It is considered to afford a presumption of remarkable steadiness.

“ The occasional stoppage of some Chronometers, and the irregularity of others, shew, that, notwithstanding the precautions that were adopted, the cold which was experienced was greater than they were prepared to meet.

“ The Chronometers of Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM appeared to have been better prepared for the peculiar service on which they were employed than any other of the Chronometers. No instance occurred of any one of them being stopped by the cold.

“ On due examination of the going of the Chronometers at Melville Island, exhibited in table 5, it was apparent that the four of Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's were principally to be relied on in the determination of longitude in the ensuing season.

“ Their actual differences, ascertained by comparison at Calton Hill, being divided by 4 (the number of the Chronometer), gives 1.813 fast, as the error of the Greenwich time, shewn by the Chronometers at the end of 104 days, on being allowed the average daily rates at which they had gone for the three months preceding the period.

“ The longitude of the western parts of Melville Island, and of a considerable portion of the western coast of Baffin's Bay and Davis' Straits, which were surveyed in the season of 1820, have been accordingly determined by the mean of these four Chronometers, being the rates. Table 7, containing a statement of their daily going in time since their return to London. The materials of their statement have been furnished by the makers, who had not received any intimation of the previous rate.

“ Admirably as these Chronometers have fulfilled the purpose for which they were employed, it is an additional satisfaction to find, that notwithstanding the change of circumstances attendant on their disembarkation and replacement in their makers' care, they are still retaining, almost without exception, their Melville Island rates.”

No. III.

Extract of a Letter from Captain SABINE on his return from his
First Voyage for making Pendulum Experiments.

"CAPTAIN SABINE has the pleasure of apprising Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM that their Chronometers, 423, 493, 384, and 357 are safe, and that 423 and 357 are the best watches Captain Sabine ever knew. The others are also very good, but the two named pre-eminent.

"Captain Sabine is going again to the Arctic Circle for the summer months, and will be very glad to have with him *at least* 423 and 357. No. 357 need not even return into the maker's hands in the interim. No. 423 requires a slight amendment in compensation, equivalent to one second per diem for 10 degrees of latitude.

"February 10, 1823."

Extract of a Letter from Captain SABINE on his return from his
Second Voyage for completing his Pendulum Experiments.

"CAPTAIN SABINE has the pleasure to acquaint Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM once more of his safe arrival, and of the safety and excellent going of their Chronometers. They have all gone well—the one by W. E. FRODSHAM certainly scarcely inferior to the best.

"Captain Sabine hopes he will at length be enabled to make the best return in his power for the great assistance which these admirable time-pieces have been to him throughout his observations, by making it known in almost every page of his publication.

"December 20, 1823."

The following are Extracts on the performances of Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's Chronometers in Captain SABINE's two Voyages to Africa, &c. and Spitzbergen, for making Pendulum Experiments—as published (by authority of the Board of Longitude) in his Narrative of those Scientific Expeditions.

"It would be impossible to express the advantage of which Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's Chronometers proved to me on all occasions, or how much the thorough reliance which I could place on their time facilitated, or, what is more important, how much it conduced to the accuracy of the variety of observations which successively occupied my attention, and which I was usually pressed to complete in the shortest possible time."

* * * * * "It is known that the rates of Chronometers are frequently found to vary on embarkation in vessels, insomuch as to have given rise to the distinctive terms of sea-rates and land-rates. No such variation,

however, can be found in the going of No. 423, in any one of the six voyages in which it was embarked between April and November, which alternated with nearly equal periods on land, when it was employed incessantly in observations, including those of magnetism." * * * * *

In a note on this passage, Captain Sabine says, "An opinion has lately prevailed that the change in the rate of Chronometers on embarkation which used to be considered as a consequence of the motion of a ship, is principally occasioned by the magnetic influence of the iron which she contains: and it has been assumed by some of the writers who have taken part in the recent discussions on the subject, that the effect so attributed is one of general experience. I believe, on the authority of others, rather than from my own observation, that a difference has sometimes, and even frequently, taken place between the land and sea rates of Chronometers; but, from whatever cause the irregularity may arise, I must regard its occurrence as an evidence of the *inferiority* of the peculiar Chronometer to the advanced state to which the art of their construction has attained: because, among the many with which I have at different times been furnished by Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, and which I have frequently transferred from the ship to the shore, for two or three weeks at a time, for the purpose of trial, I have never been able to discover any systematic variations whatever consequent on their removal. With regard to the influence of the iron as a cause of the irregularity, a more decisive evidence of its not being practically discovered under the most favorable circumstances for its exhibition can scarcely be imagined, than took place in the four Chronometers of Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, of which I have given an account in the Appendix to Captain Parry's Voyages in 1819-20, pages vii. to xii. xviii. xix. and xx*." Having succinctly mentioned the results, Captain Sabine adds:—"These particulars are stated in detail in the pages referred to; but the circumstance is thus again generally noticed, because it seems to have been overlooked by many *whose ingenuity has been exerted in devising contrivances to remedy an evil which has no practical existence*, when the common discretion of life is exercised in obtaining the better article at an equal price. Had the especial purpose of the Hecla's voyage been to inquire whether the iron of a ship, in its ordinary distribution, would, under such extreme circumstances, exert a sensible influence on the Chronometers, better adapted arrangements could scarcely have been devised for the experiment, nor could a more decisive result in the negative have been obtained."

* "The Hecla was stationary and immovable, being frozen up for more than ten months, in the vicinity of the magnetic pole, the dip between 88 and 89 degrees. Such is the situation and such the circumstances which are supposed best adapted for the developement of magnetism in the stanchions and other irons of a ship. The Chronometers were on board during the whole winter; and their rat preparatory to the following summer, were

assigned from the average of the four months immediately preceding her extrication from the ice, at an equal period of navigation. The *Hecla* arrived at Leith, having experienced much bad weather in crossing the Atlantic: but on comparing the four Chronometers at the Observatory at Leith, their Greenwich time, employing their winter harbour rates, proved less than *two seconds* in error on the arrival of the *Hecla* in the Thames. The Chronometers were returned to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM's house in London, where, after a month's interval, they were found still going at the same rates as in the *Hecla* whilst in the harbour of Melville Island."—*Note by Captain Sabine.*

No. IV.

Extract of a Letter from Captain PARRY to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

"CAPTAIN PARRY requests Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM will inform him whether their Chronometer "HENRY FRODSHAM, No. 1," is disposed of or not; as, in consequence of its excellent performance during his late voyage, a Gentleman has applied to Captain Parry, and commissioned him to purchase it.

"Admiralty, December 8, 1825."

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant WYNNE to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

"GENTLEMEN—The rate of my Pocket Watch, No. 310, which you made for me, has been registered throughout the voyage with the Chronometers embarked in the *Hecla*, and has performed remarkably well; certainly equal to any that we had on board. The rate will be published with the other Chronometers, and you will then have the opportunity of seeing that I have much reason to be satisfied with it."

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant FOSTER to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

"DEAR SIRS—I request you will send some careful person on board the *Hecla*, now at Deptford, on Monday next at noon, to receive your Chronometer, 'HENRY FRODSHAM, No. 1.' It was under my charge throughout the voyage, and has performed remarkably well, keeping a uniform rate, and was adopted as the standard during the navigation of 1825.

"The Pocket Watch you made for me has given me the greatest satisfaction. Its rate has been compared with the other Chronometers throughout

the voyage, of which I will furnish you a copy as soon as I have arranged my papers.

“Hecla, Deptford, October 29, 1825.”

(One of the Chronometers to which Government had adjudged the prize of 300*l.* was sent out in this voyage.)

No. V.

Extract of a Letter from Captain G. F. LYON, R.N. to Messrs.
PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

“GENTLEMEN,

“I have much pleasure in acquainting you of the admirable performance of your two Chronometers. A carefully registered table of their rates has been kept, with which I have requested Lieutenant Kendall to furnish you. You will then see how much reason I have to be pleased with your Watches. I must state to you, that, in consequence of my favorable opinion of your Chronometers, I was induced to name you to a scientific Gentleman, who, I believe, will wait on you to purchase one. I have to request you to accept my best thanks for your having lent me two such valuable Chronometers, as those brought to me by Mr. FRODSHAM, jun.

“Great Portland Street, January 4, 1825.”

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant KENDALL, R.N., to Messrs.
PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, dated January 14, 1825.

“GENTLEMEN—According to the instructions I have received from Captain Lyon, I herewith inclose a table, drawn up by myself, of the daily comparisons, differences, and second differences of your Chronometers embarked on board His Majesty’s Ship Griper in her voyage to Repulse Bay; and having had charge of the watches during the whole time of their embarkation, I may be allowed to say their performance was excellent. No chronometers, I believe, could have been exposed to a severer trial, except as relates to change of temperature. I cannot bring a stronger testimony in support of the equability with which their rates were maintained, than the fact of our having made the land with such surprising accuracy after so long an interval, during which it was not practicable to obtain observations to enable us to form a judgment of their going, and we therefore relied on the rates furnished by you on sending the Chronometers on board.

“In conclusion, I beg to offer you my best wishes for the universal adoption of the principle you have so successfully tried, being well assured that, if it succeed according to your wishes, you will have the satisfaction of having conferred the greatest possible benefit on your country, by advancing the interests of science.

“I am, &c.

E. N. KENDALL.”

No. VI.

Letter from Captain KING, R.N. of His Majesty's Ship Adventure,
to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

"GENTLEMEN—I beg leave to inclose to you the rate of the Chronometer No. 1048, made by you, during the time it was in my possession: and I have, in returning you my best thanks for the loan of it, to state with pleasure that it was by far the best going Watch of the twelve that were in my charge. The inclosed rate will prove this to you, I am sure, most satisfactorily.—I am, &c. PHILIP P. KING."

No. VII.

"H. M. S. Chanticleer, Woolwich, June 7, 1831.

"GENTLEMEN—From the very high opinion the late Captain Foster entertained of your Chronometers, and also the liberality with which you lent him two for the more effectually accomplishing the object he had in view, I feel myself called upon, as the late Senior Lieutenant of the Chanticleer, to express to you, that, during a voyage of three years' duration, through the greatest variety of climate and most tempestuous latitudes, the performances of your Watches were admirable in the extreme: and, indeed, often when in conversation with Captain Foster, we agreed that your Chronometers had gone beyond our most sanguine hopes at our departure from England. When Captain Foster was unfortunately lost, he had the Chronometer, No. 543, in his pocket, which you made specially for him when he accompanied Captain Parry in his Third Expedition (1824). This Chronometer he highly prized, and which, he often said, was the very best that ever was made. I can bear testimony to the accuracy of those which accompanied the Expedition; but I do not think that anything I can say will express more than the daily rough comparison-books will shew, and which I have the pleasure of sending for your inspection. I may add, that I am quite aware, had Captain Foster lived, he would have most strongly recommended your Chronometers, as I most cordially do, as the very best that have ever come under my observation.

"I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant,

"HORATIO THOS. AUSTIN, Commander R. N."

(There were two Chronometers on board the Chanticleer, to each of which Government has adjudged the prize of 300l.)

No. VIII.

Letter from Lieutenant KENDALL, R. N., to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, dated Craven Street, October 22, 1831.

"GENTLEMEN—I beg to inclose a letter which I conceived it my duty to address to the Hydrographer on the subject of your Chronometers, and, as he wished me to point out three out of the five which I could most confidently recommend, I pointed out B, C, and D, as those which had preserved their rates with the greatest uniformity; and he noted them for purchase. I regret exceedingly that my constant occupations have prevented my personally waiting on you ere this, but I will endeavour to see you in a few days. Meanwhile, I remain, &c.

"E. N. KENDALL."

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant KENDALL to Captain BEAUFORT, R. N. F. R. S., &c. Hydrographer to the Hon. Board of Admiralty, dated October 11, 1831.

"SIR—In accordance with your desire, I beg to annex a statement of the rates of five Chronometers that were used by me in my recent employment in determining the relative positions, by astronomical observation, of several points in the Province of New Brunswick, and to offer my testimony to the excellence of their performance within the last fifteen months, during which period they have been exposed to all the different motions consequent on their conveyance, by hand, in coaches, on horseback, and on shipboard. They have also withstood a range of the thermometer from -30° to $+95$; and I would therefore submit for your consideration the propriety of purchasing them for His Majesty's service, especially when it is known that the makers, Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, with their accustomed liberality, lent them to the Government at their own risk, without remuneration."

No. IX.

Extract of a Letter from Baron WRANGEL to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

"YOUR two Chronometers have performed admirably: one never having gained more than one second six-tenths, and the other being never more than two seconds four-tenths, during a voyage of more than three years, exposed to great extremes of temperature, thus balancing their differences (for errors they could not be called) with astonishing precision, agreeing with all our observations to an exactness throughout the voyage, particularly under circumstances the most unfavorable to which such instruments could be exposed."

The report from Captains KOTZEBUE and LUTKIE was equally satisfactory.

No. X.

Extracts of Letters from Officers in the British Navy and Merchant Ships; and also from several of the Commanders of the American Line of Packet Vessels from Europe to the United States, and other intelligent Navigators engaged in American Commerce.

“ H. M. S. Tamar, Plymouth, Dec. 28, 1827.

“ CAPTAIN BREMER is happy in being enabled to inform Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, that the Chronometer he purchased of them, No. 596, performed to admiration. It never failed in all the various climates and weather to which it was exposed in the Tamar's long voyage of four years, in which we sailed upwards of sixty thousand miles. In running from the Cape of Good Hope to Bass's Strait, in New Holland, a distance of 126° of longitude, the land was made by it to a remarkable exactness.”

(One of the Chronometers to which Government had adjudged the prize of 300l. was sent out in the Tamar.)

Letter from Captain GEORGE CHEYNE, R.N. to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

“ 6, Arundel Terrace, Islington, March 29, 1826.

“ GENTLEMEN—Annexed is a copy of the reply of Captain Parry to the following extract of a letter to him from me :—

‘ TO CAPTAIN PARRY.

‘ May 17, 1826.

‘ I have a conditional order concerning a Chronometer for Lord Bloomfield. Will you be troubled to send me your opinion of those made by PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, in case my own limited experience of their instruments may have deceived me in assigning to them the superiority over any other makers.

‘ Yours very truly,

GEO. CHEYNE.’

REPLY—DATED 18TH MARCH.

‘ MY DEAR CHEYNE—I can safely say, that as far as my experience goes concerning Chronometers, of which I have lately had between *thirty and forty* in my immediate keeping, I know no maker so likely to furnish a good one as Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

‘ Yours very sincerely,

W. E. PARRY.’

“ I shall only add to the above, that I shall ever retain a thankful remembrance of the experience I have had of two Chronometers which I had from you.

‘ I am, &c.

GEO. CHEYNE.”

Extract of another Letter from Captain CHEYNE to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, dated Santa Ana, August 9, 1829.

“By the last English packet I received a letter from Captain Bloomfield, of the Artillery, a relative of Lord Bloomfield, from Stockholm, from which I send you an extract :—

“‘This and divers other things have prevented me executing a commission I have been long since ordered to do by Lord Bloomfield—to write to you, and to tell you how well pleased he is with the Chronometer you were the means of PARKINSON and FRODSHAM furnishing him with. He left England last May, and had it with him during a few months’ trip on the Continent: at the end of which time he unfortunately let it down; but he had good reason to suppose it had not varied three seconds, and it has gone admirably ever since.’”

“I felt anxious to know that the Chronometer is a good one, and will answer the great purpose I had in view—first, in persuading Lord Bloomfield to take one of your Chronometers to Stockholm as a means of convincing the Astronomer, who is the oracle of the Swedish navy, that he had erred in saying, ‘*England* had now to yield the palm of Chronometer-making to both France and Denmark:’ and, secondly, I trust in turning the account to your advantage, which your generous compliance with my desire in this business so well entitles you to. I add another extract from the same letter :—

“‘Only think (he says) of our having no less than -12° of cold (Celsius) at six this morning, and ever since the middle of December we have seen nothing but snow.’

“The above -12° of Celsius is equal to about 22° of Fahrenheit below freezing, and will of course be to you a gratifying account of your manufacture. Knowing you have devoted so much of your time to prevent Chronometers being affected by either extreme of cold or heat, I have made it my pleasure to serve you on all occasions since I first became *convinced* of the justice of your claim to so honorable a distinction as the best Chronometer-makers in the world.”

Letter from Captain GEORGE PROBYN, of the Hon. East India Company’s Ship *Minerva*, to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

“79, Baker Street, March 10, 1825.

“GENTLEMEN—I have much pleasure in making you the most favorable report of your Chronometer No. 560. Its daily gain throughout the voyage was about half a second. Indeed that was the original rate which you gave it. On taking it on board, June 7, 1823, it was 9" too fast, and on my return to England, July 6, 1824, it was 3' 13" too fast on Greenwich time; so that, according with your rate, its error on my return, after

a voyage of thirteen months, was only 13". In fact, I have no hesitation in saying that it is one of the best Chronometers I ever met with.

"I am, &c.

GEORGE PROBYN."

Letter from Captain LODOWICK LEEDS, of the Isabella of Baltimore, to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

"Liverpool, Jan. 13, 1824.

"GENTLEMEN—It affords me much satisfaction to state, that the Chronometer No. 276, which I purchased of you, in my voyage from England to China in 1822, and on its return to America, performed with singular correctness. During nine months that I was on board the Tigris it varied from its rate and mean time only four seconds. In my subsequent use of it home, and in my return to Liverpool this winter, it has given the same correct results. It is only due to your merited services to navigation and nautical men to give this testimony of the value I entertain of your Chronometers.

I am, &c.

LUDOWICK LEEDS."

Extract of a Letter from Captain F. DEWSON, of the Boston Packet Ship Topaz, to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

"Liverpool, Jan. 23, 1827.

"GENTLEMEN—The Chronometer No. 594, which I purchased of your agent here four years since, is a first-rate instrument, not having varied from her rate five-tenths of a second during the whole time. I have had four of your Chronometers within the last eight years, and in every instance they performed wonderfully.

I am, &c.

F. DEWSON."

Letter from Captain HUGH GRAHAM, of the Packet Ship Caledonia, to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

"Liverpool, Feb. 29, 1832.

"GENTLEMEN—I have had several Chronometers of your make, all of which have performed with the greatest possible accuracy. The last I purchased of you, No. 771, is unexampled in correctness, not having varied more than two seconds on its rate for the last three years; and during the ten years it has been in my possession it has met my most decided approbation.

I am, &c.

HUGH GRAHAM."

Letter from Captain JOHN CLARKSON, of the Bombay Merchant, to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, dated Deptford, December 10, 1828.

"GENTLEMEN—Herewith you will receive my eight-day Chronometers, 145 and 146, which have given me great satisfaction. No. 146 has gone particularly well, and I don't think 300l. would induce me to part with it. You'll please pay attention to their rates, as I shall want them about the 10th of March next.

I am, &c.

JOHN CLARKSON."

Letter from Captain WILLIAM S. SEBOR, of the Ontario Packet Ship, to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM.

" London, Feb. 24, 1832.

" GENTLEMEN—It affords me much pleasure to have it in my power to say, that during the last ten years that I have constantly been engaged in the navigation between this Port and the United States, I have, on board of the vessels under my command, invariably availed myself of sundry Chronometers made by you. They have at all times performed with equal regularity and correctness: and as an additional instance of their durability and perfection, allow me to mention the circumstance, that when on a late voyage to this country one of these instruments accidentally fell from a high shelf, its action did not become thereby in the least disturbed, but, on the contrary, proceeded without the slightest alteration of rate. It is in justice to your superior skill, and already amply-established reputation only, that I have the gratification of stating these facts, the result of personal observation. Wishing you every farther success your meritorious exertions so well deserve, I remain, &c.

WILLIAM S. SEBOR."

Letter from Captain F. H. HEBARD, of the Packet Ship Hannibal, to Messrs. PARKINSON and FRODSHAM, dated London, March 27, 1832.

" GENTLEMEN—My vessel has just arrived in the London Docks, and I wish you to send for my Chronometer No. 1152.

" Previously to my sailing on the last voyage, I was so much engaged that I entirely forgot to request you to send it on board, and I felt much obliged by your forwarding it to me at Portsmouth. I consider it remarkable, that notwithstanding its conveyance by coach, I found, on working up the rate you sent with it, when at New York, it had not varied more than 7" from the error on Greenwich time. This I consider an additional proof of the excellence of my Chronometer, which I have now had more than four years, during which time its rate has never altered more than *one second* (keeping between + 1" 5" to + 2" 5"), although it has been twice to Gravesend, and once to Portsmouth by coach; and I have frequently returned to Europe with a variation of not more than one-tenth of a second from the rate given by you.

" I am, &c.

F. H. HEBARD."

Letter from Captain JOSEPH PINDER, of the East India Ship Hindoo, dated Whitehaven, Feb. 22, 1832.

" GENTLEMEN—I have great pleasure in acknowledging the universal satisfaction and accuracy I have derived from three of your Chronometers during the last twelve years, particularly No. 729, which, after performing a voyage from Liverpool to Calcutta (nine months), and allowing her no rate (supposing her going at mean time), I found on my return that there

was only seven seconds variation from error given me on my departure. I have had the opportunity of proving them in very cold latitudes, in rounding Cape Horn on two voyages in the winter season, in sudden transitions from heat to cold, and the contrary, and always found them to maintain their regularity of going. I am, &c. J. PINDER.

Letter from Captain WILLIAM ROWETT, dated Liverpool, March 21, 1832.

"GENTLEMEN—I have the satisfaction of handing you the particulars of your Chronometer 564, which has been in my possession for the last six years, during which period I have made four voyages round Cape Horn, and it has been exposed to 21° of Fahrenheit, and to 80° and sometimes to 90°. In neither extreme of temperature has it varied its rate. During one voyage in particular of twenty-six months, on making Ireland, and passing between Cape Clear and the Fastnet rock with very fine weather, it placed the rock in 9° 41' 15", (which is immediately between that given by Mr. Norrie in his two last editions, which vary from each other seven miles,) allowing one second daily loss, which it had done throughout the voyage. I could give you numerous other proofs where it has been equally correct. Hoping you will continue to benefit the public by your attention to that science, I remain, &c. WILLIAM ROWETT."

Letter from Professor BARLOW, F.R.S., &c. &c.

"GENTLEMEN—You herewith receive the Chronometer I purchased of you in 1825, which I think should, after seven years, undergo your examination. I beg to say that I have every reason to be perfectly satisfied with its performance. I have never in any instance detected in it any unsteady rate, but simply a slight and gradual change between winter and summer, and the contrary. This small vibration I am aware you would have been able to correct; but I am unwilling, while the change is so inconsiderable, and the rate so very small, to have any correction attempted. If this testimonial can add any weight to those you already possess from many of our most distinguished Observers, you are quite at liberty to make any use of it you please. I remain, &c.

"Woolwich, March 27, 1832.

PETER BARLOW."

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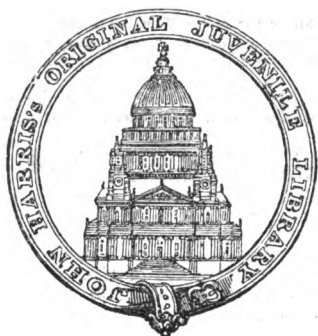
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